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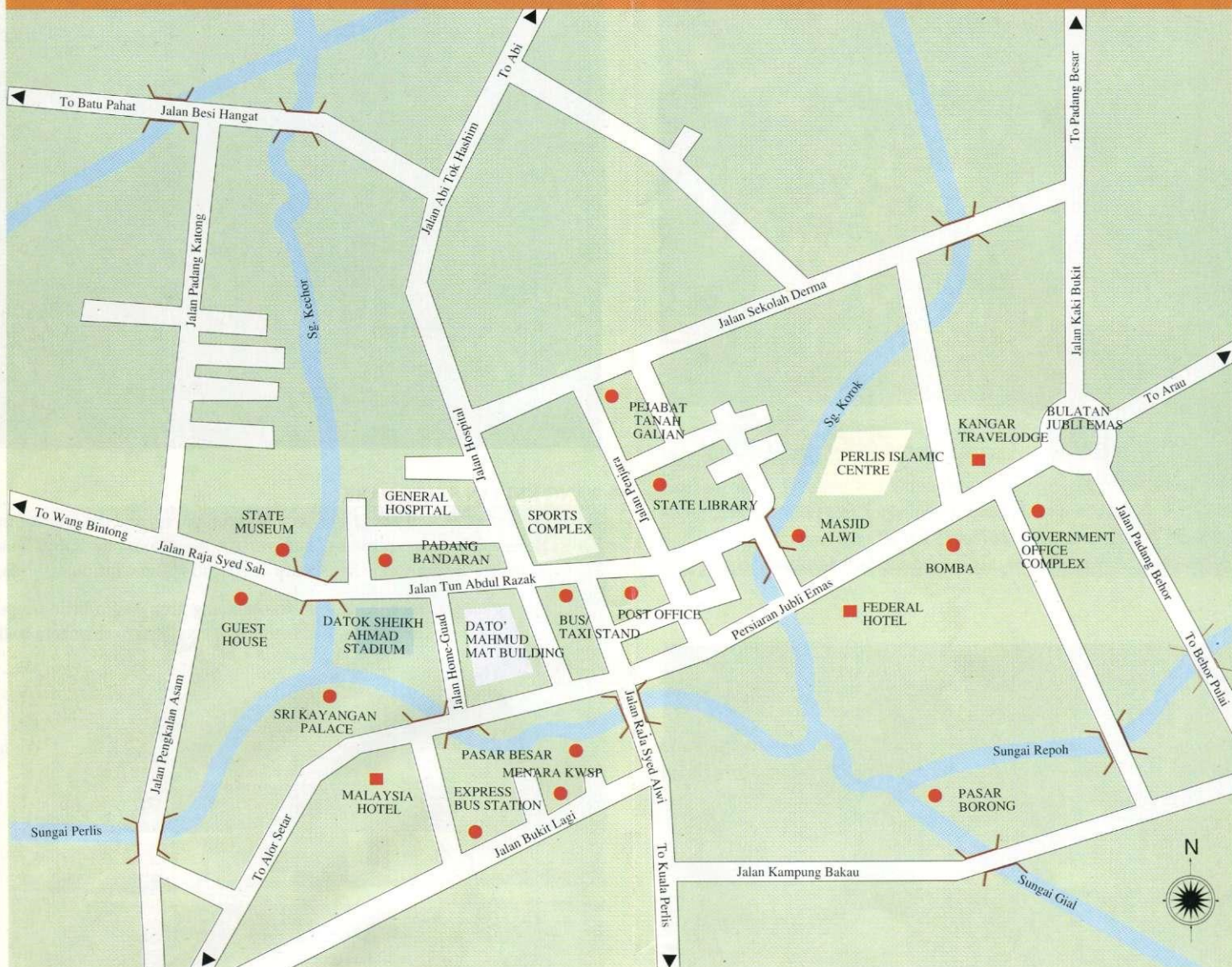
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KANGAR



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For leisure, the people of Perlis enjoy a variety of activities ranging from traditional dances to traditional games and pastimes handed down through generations. **Tarian Canggung** and **Tarian Ayam Didik** are examples of dances and equally irresistible feet-stomping may still be seen today.

Tarian Canggung, a traditional dance, was brought from early historical times, and performed by the people as a form of celebration after harvest time. In fact, it is the people's dance where singing and exchanges of words in stanzas (called "berbalas pantun") are freely and jestingly called for to the accompaniment of music.



Tarian Terinai, is yet another dance and musical presentation, performed specifically during a royal ceremony. The musical accompaniment is usually provided by the beating of Gendang Terinai (drums), normally performed by five musicians.

Awang Batil is akin to a 'story-teller' who tells of the glory and richness of life of the people of olden times. In a sense, Awang Batil is not much different from the minstrels of old England.

Awang Batil is an expert with words, albeit colloquial, and as he proceeds with his story he beats a small drum and plays a tune on his flute as and when the story-line demands.

Such a presentation was normal during a big feast and during one form of festivity or another in times gone by.

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Transportation

Air

There is no direct air service to Perlis. Visitors have to fly into Alor Setar and from there take a taxi to Kangar. The drive takes about 45 minutes.

Note: At the Alor Setar Airport, the normal taxi fare is approximately RM35 per vehicle.

Mode	Route	Day Operation	*Fare
By Rail Ekspres Langkawi KTMB	Kuala Lumpur to Arau	9.15pm. - 6.25am	1st Class (Bed) RM70.00 per person
	Arau to Kuala Lumpur	8.10pm. - 5.10am	2nd Class (Bed) RM41.00 per person 2nd class (seat) RM35.00 per person
By Bus Ekspres Nasional	Kuala Lumpur to Kangar	Daily	RM23.50 per person
	Ekspres PPMP	Daily	RM22.00 per person
	Alor Setar to Kangar	Daily	RM2.00 per person
Ebban Ekspress	Butterworth to Kangar	Daily	RM6.20 per person

*Half fare for children under 12 years old.

Local Bus

Four bus transport companies operate within the State, viz:

* Syarikat PPMP (From Kangar - Express)		* Syarikat HBR Express (From Kangar - Local)	
Route	Fare	Route	Fare
Butterworth	RM 6.50	55 - Kodiang	RM 1.20
Alor Setar	RM 2.50	56 - Kuala Perlis	RM 1.50
Kuala Lumpur	RM 22.00	57 - Simpang Empat	RM 1.20
Ipoh	RM 14.00	58 - Bukit Keteri Mata Air	RM 1.20
Johor Bahru	RM 36.00	59 - Padang Besar	RM 2.15
Kuantan	RM 30.00	- Kaki Bukit	RM 2.20
Seremban	RM 26.40		
Terengganu	RM 28.00	60 - I.T.M.	RM 1.00
		121 - Alor Setar	RM 3.20

Taxi (From Kangar)

Alor Setar	RM16.00	Kuala Lumpur	RM200.00
Penang	RM50.00	Kuala Perlis	RM8.00

Banks & Money Changers

Kangar is well served by a host of reputable banks, all of which are conveniently located within the town limit. They provide a wide spectrum of modern banking conveniences and advanced facilities. They can help you carry out your banking needs such as cashing your travellers' cheques, converting foreign currencies to local currency, or telegraphic transfer, quickly and easily. You can also enjoy a range of complementary services like safe deposit boxes. The staff will be glad to render any assistance to you.

For your convenience, most money changers are located within the premises of hotels. The exchange rates are reasonable.

Shopping

Farmers' Market

Farmers sell their farm produce directly to consumers on a plot predetermined by the authorities. Non-farmers take advantage of the influx of buyers by selling their wares which are non-agricultural. Prices are reasonable. Freshwater fish and prawns, vegetables and fruits galore, are all fresh as they come. The Market is held from 8.00 am till 1.00 pm.

Days	Place
Sunday	Sena Indah
Monday	Arau
Tuesday	Taman Kemajuan
Wednesday	Sena Indah
Friday	Beseri
Saturday	Sena Indah

Night Market

Pasar Malam is an open-air affair where business is already brisk at 5.00 pm, and are very popular because of the fiesta-like atmosphere. A pasar malam is held on an open ground or even a full stretch of a road or thoroughfare according to what has been approved by the local authorities. The police keep a friendly surveillance, especially when a road has been blocked off and passage impeded.

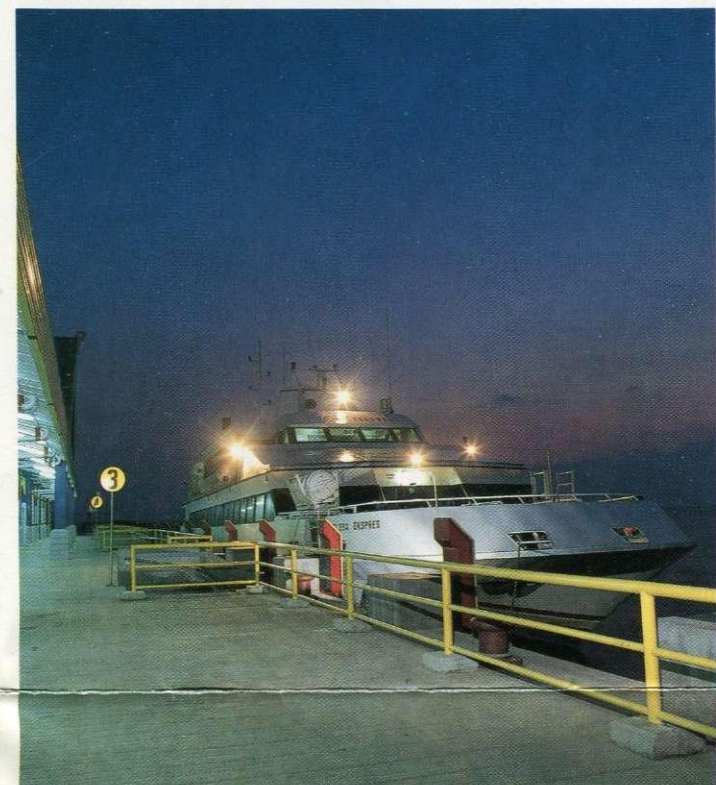
A feature of a pasar malam is that it is held in a different place each night and the schedule is repeated week by week. In a sense, therefore, the Market is held once a week at a predetermined place at night.

Days	Place
Sunday	Utan Aji
Monday	Padang Melangit
Tuesday	Kuala Perlis
Wednesday	Kangar
Thursday	Pauh
Friday	Arau
Saturday	Jejawi



Accommodation

Your choice of accommodation can range from budget to deluxe hotels. The rates are reasonable and the rooms well appointed with standard facilities for your comfort and convenience. Room service is efficient and hotel staff generally friendly and helpful.





Ferry

Ferry boats provide scheduled crossings between Kuala Perlis and Langkawi. The fare varies from RM12 to RM15 per adult. The journey takes an hour to reach Kuah Jetty.

For the Kuala Perlis-Langkawi service, the first ferry of the day leaves for Kuah Jetty in Langkawi at 9.00 am, and the last ferry leaves at 2.15 pm. The last ferry back to Kuala Perlis leaves at 4.00 pm.

There are four ferry service operators, namely Kuala Perlis Langkawi Ferry Service Sdn Bhd, LADA Holdings Sdn Bhd, Samavest Sdn Bhd and Water Tour Development Sdn Bhd.

Food

A wide variety of food, from local delights to continental fare, is available in Perlis. The prices are reasonable and the service courteous. For the food lover, do sample as many exotic traditional Malay, Chinese, Indian and Thai dishes (like the perennial favourite, tom yam) as possible. A delectable time awaits you!

The choices of eating places that you can patronise is also excellent, ranging from open-air hawker centres, air-conditioned restaurants to luxurious hotel restaurants. Wherever you choose to eat, rest assured the environment is clean, casual and comfortable.



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Kangar Travelodge**** 135, Main Road 01000 Kangar Tel: 04-976 7755 Fax: 04-976 1049	146 rooms	RM200 - RM360
PENS Hotel Kuala Perlis Jalan Kuala Perlis 02000 Kuala Perlis Perlis Tel: 04-985 4122 Fax: 04-985 4131	25 rooms	RM75 - RM92
Federal Hotel 104 A & B, Jalan Kangar 01000 Kangar Tel: 04-976 6288 Fax: 04-976 6224	46 rooms	RM21 - RM120
Malaysia Hotel 67, Jalan Jubli Perak 01000 Kangar Tel: 04-976 1366	25 rooms	RM30 - RM50
Utara Semarak Resort Batu Pahat 01000 Kangar Perlis Tel: 04-977 2233	14 chalets	RM50

NOTES: All fares/rates are subject to change from time to time.





KANGAR

Kangar, 56 km north-west of Alor Setar, is the state capital set amidst a vast expanse of green padi fields that turn a golden yellow at harvest time. A major landmark of the town is the state mosque, Masjid Alwi. A small town, Kangar's stadium, general hospital, hotels and schools are all within walking distance.



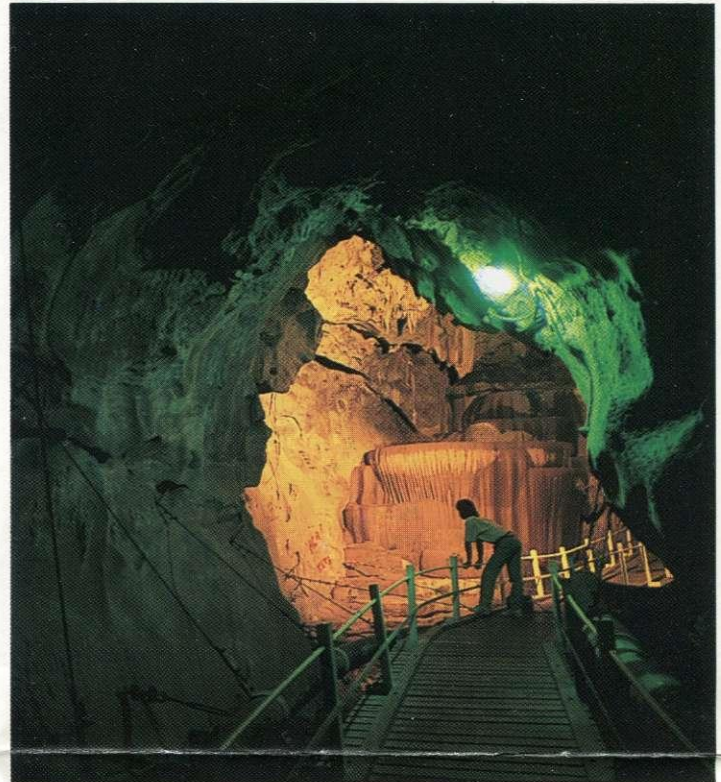
TASIK MELATI

Tasik Melati is a small but picturesque lake located in a partially marshy lowland about 8 kilometres north of Kangar. The lake is shallow. More than 150 sandbar-islands may be seen all over the lake. Sampans can be rowed to these tiny 'islands'. Elevated walkways are also found over the waters of the lake, providing vantage viewpoints and seatings for visitors. There is also a parameter walkway as well as telephone kiosks and toilet facilities.



HUTAN LIPUR BUKIT AIR

Cool streams meandering through a lush tropical forest setting and waterfalls cascading excitingly into frothing rocky pool down below, make it an ideal location for picnic. It is 12 km from Kangar and it offers camping site, car park facilities and basic amenities to make your trip comfortable.



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ARAU

There are many interesting places and things to see in Perlis. Of special note in ARAU, the royal town, are the Royal Palace, fronting the main road and the nearby Royal Mosque which can easily accommodate up to 7,000 people in one prayer session. Arau itself, which has clusters of fruit trees and coconut palms interspersed among quaint residences is worth a visit.



SNAKE FARM

Perlis is noted for its large population of venomous snakes, the limestone caves and crevices offering the best of natural habitats for the slithery creatures. The Snake Farm at Sungai Batu Pahat houses a large collection of 23 species of live snakes in large open-air enclosures. In addition, there is a crocodile and a fish pond. It is open daily from 10.00am to 4.15pm.

Admission Fee: Adult RM2.00

Child RM1.00



PUTRA GOLF CLUB

An 18-hole golf course, offers the golf enthusiast the challenge of a reputedly difficult par-72 course with its numerous obstructions and traps.



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Access to the cave is by way of a suspension bridge. The uniqueness of approach, as well as the experience of walking along the bridge, make a visit to this place an intriguing and adventurous experience.

A subterranean stream flows in the limestone range near Kaki Bukit for about a quarter of a mile long. As in other limestone areas, the stream has built a long cavern over the centuries. This physiographic phenomenon was enlarged throughout the length of the underground stream in 1935 by a resident Englishman who saw it as a marvellous way of transporting tin ore from a mine located near the stream entrance through the underground cavern.

A wooden walkway hangs suspended throughout the length of the underground cavern providing a wondrous means of communication from Kaki Bukit to a valley on the opposite end - the Wan Tangga Valley.

Admission Fee: Adult RM1.00

Child RM0.50



HUTAN LIPUR BUKIT KUBU

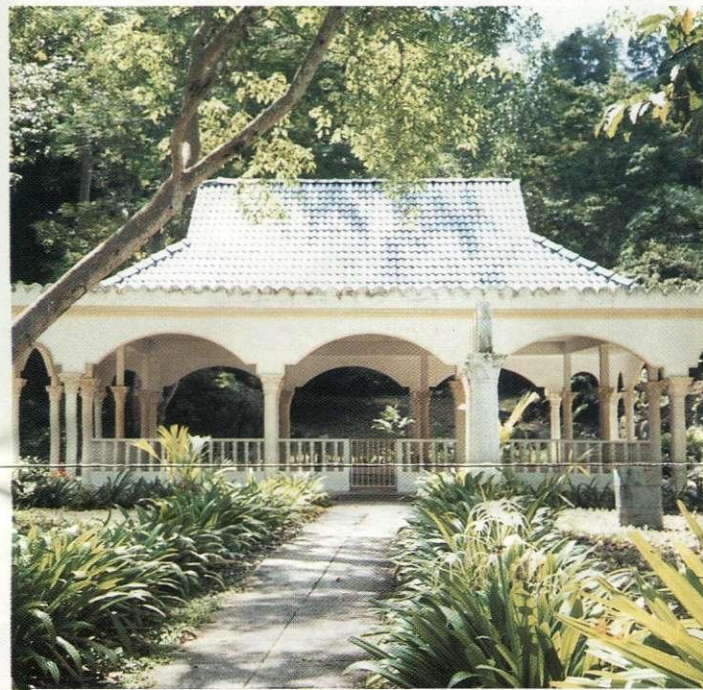
Hutan Lipur Bukit Kubu is a natural limestone cave in a forested limestone hill known as Wang Pinang, located near Kuala Perlis. The cave is an interesting geological formation. Bukit Kubu is now a 'cave park', sheltered and ideal for joggers and cave trekkers.



PERLIS CRAFT CULTURAL COMPLEX

The Perlis Craft Cultural Complex at Kuala Perlis, about 8km from Kangar and 15 minutes drive to Kuala Perlis Jetty, is a must stop over for visitors.

The complex offers a wide range of Malaysian handicraft such as delicate hand drawn batik, intricately carved silverware and an assortment of hand made items such as basketry, ceramics as well as rattan based products.



WANG KELIAN STATE PARK

The Wang Kelian State Park is a haven for nature lovers and eco-tourism buffs. Close to the Forest Reserve is a treasure trove of biodiversity. It contains one of the few semideciduous Thai vegetation. Its limestone forests are also rich in fauna, including birds, mammals and

A challenging jungle track leads from the camping area past a little tripping waterfall to the northern most cave in Peninsula, its narrow passages lead to chambers boasting interesting



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KOTA AL MARHUM KAYANG

In the same vicinity are located the burial grounds of two of the 16th Century Sultans of Kedah. These are now seen as simple mausoleums marked by grave stones with remnants of wood used to mark the site.

Nearby, too, is an area of land believed to be the site of one of the Sultan's palaces surrounded on each side by limestone hills. This is reminiscent of the palace built by Almarhum Sultan Dhiauddin Almkaram Shah of the late 16th century who had given the name of Indra Kayangan to Perlis then. Two of the Sultan's personal efforts are still evident today. One is a partially-enclosed spring which supplied fresh mineral water to the palace and is still seen intact today. The other is the canal built by the Sultan in about 1680 connecting Alor Setar to his palace in Kuala Perlis and from the palace to the burial grounds, thus permitting boat passages between the points.

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CHUPING

Chuping derived its name from the limestone hill known locally as Bukit Chuping. It has an area of 22,000 hectare sugar plantation and harvesting takes place in December till June.



KUALA PERLIS

The coastal fishing town of Kuala Perlis, 13 km from Kangar is the major departure point for the fabled Langkawi island and has a ferry terminal for island bound passengers. The town of Kuala Perlis has just a couple of streets with plenty of restaurants which are popular for seafood and the local speciality of 'laksa' (rice noddle dipped in a fish-based gravy).

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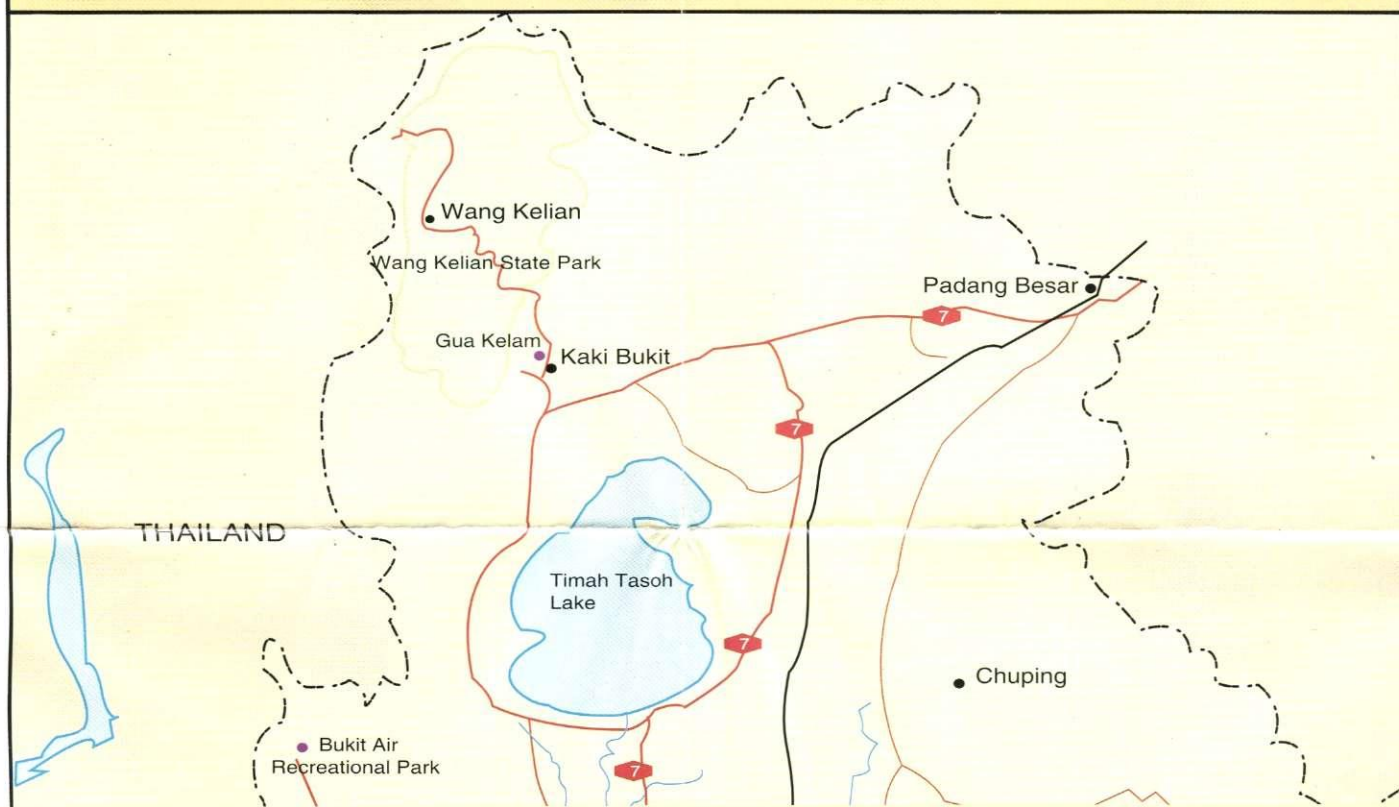
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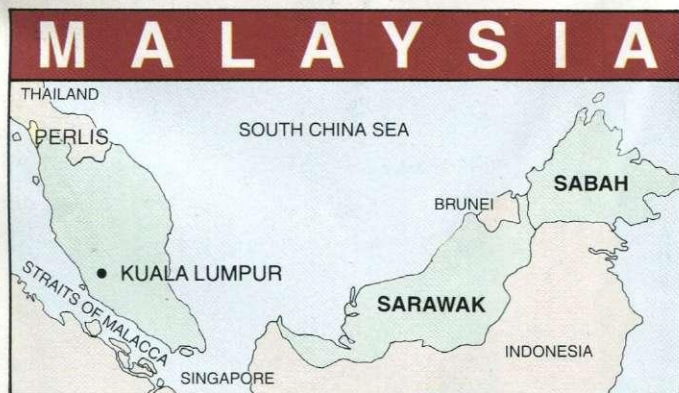
GETTING AROUND

Destination	Location	Distance (From Kangar Town Centre)
State Mosque	Kangar	
Tasik Melati	Kangar	8km
Royal Palace	Arau	11km
Royal Mosque	Arau	11km
Snake Farm	Sungai Batu Pahat	12km
Putra Golf Club	Sungai Batu Pahat	12km
Gua Kelam	Kaki Bukit	36km
Hutan Lipur Bukit Kubu	Kuala Perlis	11km
Perlis Craft Cultural Complex	Kuala Perlis	8km
Kota Al-Marhum Kayang	Kuala Perlis	11km
Kuala Perlis Jetty	Kuala Perlis	13km
Padang Besar	Boundary of Perlis and Thailand	37km
Wang Kelian State Park	Boundary of Perlis and Thailand	37km

P E R L I S







Introduction

Perlis may be the smallest state in Malaysia, but it boasts a wealth of natural, cultural and historical splendours that rival the bigger states. You may be mesmerised by the many quaint villages, picturesque scenery and centuries-old traditions wherever you go. In short, Perlis is the perfect destination to head for if you prefer old world charm instead of the hustle and bustle of the city, where life is unhurried and the environment naturally fresh and crisp.

Perlis lies at the northwestern tip of the Malay Peninsula; bounded by Thailand in the north, and by Kedah to the east and south. Its western coastline borders the Straits of Malacca. It measures approximately 810 sq km and has a population of 217,480. The state capital is Kangar while Arau, 10km away, is the Royal town.

Although small in size, Perlis is not without its attractions, foremost among which is its serene beauty. Perlis, too, abounds with rustic rural scenes and rolling green fields of padi.

January to April the weather is generally warm and dry. Days are hot and windy but nights can become cold towards dawn. September to December is wet. The average annual rainfall is between 2,000 ml and 2,500 ml (80" to 100") and humidity is high throughout the year. Temperature varies little the year round, ranging from 21° to 32°C.

Economy

Traditionally the economy of Perlis has been dominated by agriculture, fishing and forestry pursuits. The state also shares with Kedah the distinction of being the 'rice bowl' of the country. Rubber and sugar cane are also extensively cultivated while fruit cultivation includes mango and water melon. Realising the need to prosper economically, the state embarked on the development of medium-scale industrial and manufacturing activities. Beside a sugar refinery at Chuping and a cement factory at Bukit Keteri, Jejawi, Chuping, Kuala Perlis and Padang Besar Industrial Estate, complete with infrastructure, were created to facilitate this rapid growth.



History

Perlis was once a part of Kedah which the Thais conquered in 1821. When Kedah was subsequently restored to the Sultan of Kedah, Perlis was separated from it and established as a vassal state in its own right. The Anglo-Siamese Treaty of 1909 transferred Thai sovereignty over Perlis to the British but the Japanese 'handed it back' to Thailand during its occupation of the Malay Peninsula. After the Japanese surrendered, Perlis once again came under British protection until it gained independence under the banner of the Federation of Malaya in 1957.

People

The people of Perlis comprise a multi-racial mix of Malays, Chinese, Indians and Thais. This accounts for the rich variety of religion, culture, custom, food and traditional costumes.

